Remarks

Claims 10-16 and 18-23 were pending.

Claims 11 and 12 are canceled.

Claims 10 and 16 are amended.

Claims 10, 13-16 and 18-23 are now pending.

Independent claims 10 and 16 are amended to require that the organic material of component a) be selected from polyester, polyacrylate, polymethacrylate and polypropylene. Support is in original claim 12 and working Examples 14, 16 and 17 on pages 43, 47 and 48.

No new matter is added.

Claims 10-12, 14, 15 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Nagao, EP 837085.

Claims 10-15 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Nagao.

Claims 10-16 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Nagao in view of Evans, U.S. Pat. No. 6,214,514.

Nagao is cited as teaching polymeric polycarbonates with fluorinated endgroups and that the fluorinated polycarbonates may be combined with another polycarbonate. Evans is cited as teaching "extrusion coating".

The present organic materials of component a) are now selected from polyester, polyacrylate, polymethacrylate and polypropylene.

In view of the present amendments, Applicants submit that the claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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